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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM KING KHALID FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. ROYAL DIWAN HAS JUST DELIVERED TO EMBASSY MESSAGE
FROM KING KHALID TO PRESIDENT CARTER. DIWAN STRESSED
THAT MESSAGE WAS URGENT AND FOR THAT REASON IT WAS
BEING DELIVERED ON FRIDAY, THE SAUDI DAY OF REST.
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO SEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
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THIS LETTER IN THE SPIRIT OF COLSULTATION BETWEEN US
AND AS AN EXCHANGE OF VOWS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES,
ESPECIALLY IN THE PRESENT TIME DURING WHICH ARAB AND
INTERNATIONAL PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE
PASSING THROUGH A CRITICAL STAGE. YOUR EXCELLENCY IS
COMPLETELY AWARE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COURSE OF
ARAB EFFROTS FOR ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE REGION OF

THE MIDDLE EAST. YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE FROM THE DECLARATION WHICH MR. BEGIN HAS DELIVERED RECENTLY IN THE KNESSET THAT ISRAEL IS PLACING DIFFICULTIES IN FRONT OF THESE EFFORTS IN A FORM WHICH PROVES THAT SHE DESIRED TO BLOCK THE ROAD TO PEACE. SHE IS STILL CONTINUING HAR HARASSMENT AND HER INTRANSIGENCE IN THE FACE OF MATTERS WHICH IN REALITY ARE INTERNATIONALLY INDISPUTABLE, SUCH AS THE ELIMINATION OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE YEAR 1967 AND HERE INSISTENCE ON THE NON-RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE, NATURAL RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THESE ARE THINGS WHICH CAUSE ANXIETY AND PESSIMISM IN THE ARAB WORLD THAT ISRAEL IS NOT HONEST IN ITS DESIRE TO REACH A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION AND IS NOT SINCERE IN ITS WISH FOR PEACE IN THE REGION. THE THING THAT AFFIRMS THIS ANXIETY IS THAT ISRAEL BY THESE ATTITUDES OF HERS WIL STRENGTHEN THE VIEWPOINT OF THE REJECTION AND EXTREMIST FORCES IN THE ARAB REGION. THIS IS REPRESENTED IN THE FACT THAT THE ASSUMPTIONS OF ISRAELI POLICY CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM DO NOT AIM AT SOLVING THE PROBLEM AND DO NOT AIM AT ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE REGION. AS A RESULT OF THAT ANY INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF ANY ARAB PARTY AND ANY ARAB EFFORTS FOR THE SAKE OF REACHING A
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COMPRESENSIVE SOLUTION AND FOR THE SAKE OF ACHIEVING A PERMANENT, JUST PEACE IN THE REGION WILL BE CONDEMNED IN ADVAICE TO FAILURE. THAT IS BECAUSE THE DESIRE OF THE ARAB STATES ALONE FOR PEACE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE THAT. AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO EXPLAIN TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE DANGERS FOR THE REGION IN SUPPORTING ISEAEI IN THIS POINT OF VIEW, OR TO EXPLAIN WHAT THAT WOULD LEAD TO IN TERMS OF THE SPREAD OF EXTREMISM, THE STRENGTHENING OF LEFTIST FORCES, AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE THREAT TO SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. PERHAPS, YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT THE SUTIATION NEEDS INCREASING USE OF WAHT YOUR EXCELLENCY POSSESSES OF PERSONAL WEIGHT AND OF THE WEIGHT THE UNITED STATES HAS FOR THE SAKE OF BRINGING ISRAEL BACK TO THE CORRECT PATH AND FOR ADVISING HER TO RECOGNIZE THE SOUND PRINCIPLES AND BASES REQUIRED AS A GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION, WITHOUT THE RECOGNITION OF WHICH, AS YOUR EXCELLENCY RELAIIZED, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE

A JUST PEACE IN THE REGION. AS I EXPRESS TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY MY FAITH PERSONALLY AND THE CONFIDENCE
OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY
AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE FOR THAT IN ORDER
TO ACHIEVE PEACE, SECURITY, AND STABILITY IN THE
REGION, SO I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY ON THIS OCCASION
TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY BEST GREETINGS
AND FRIENDLIEST WISHES FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND
FOR YOUR INCREASING SUCCESS. AND I DESIRE CON-
TINUING PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FRIENDLY
AMERICAN PEOPLE. SINCERELY, KHALID BIN ABDUL
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